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Dear Matt,

At the American Booksellers' Association annual convention in Washington today, I got several offers from publishers to do a book on the King assassination and one to do a book on the two assassinations. I turned them down, but they again make me think perhaps you should be considering this. I suspect, from what I heard, that Mark will be whoring in this field.

If you have not had a chance to see Mrs. Jerome (Kirkpatrick), I hope you can soon, for that bit becomes more fascinating and seems of even more importance as I learn more. She is, or at least has been, friendly. I am more anxious than ever to have that parti cular picture-and any others she has, regardless of what view of him they show or his age at the time(s).

If you see her, after you copy the pictures, ask her for me if she has found any of his credentials and if she has copy them real quick. There just might be some kicking around. I understand a) he had them and b)never turned them in. Then, please, ask her if there is anything she would like you to forward to me, and if there is, please register it.

I have heard nothing from or about her. I should by now have gotten the return recipt from what I did return. I mailed her a picture she wanted returned. It should have reached her before you get this.

Had an uproarious note from Gary. He says the Feebees to whom I was so kind lost their cool and actually tore the reel of tape from their machine and trampled it! They could hardly turn in the tape with what I said and even less get the official one I had arranged for them. 'Course, they got even with my baggage. That is already costly.

Wish I could be there for a while. There is so much I know I really must do despite my desire to do other work and not to be there. This new aspect is very promising and I am getting a considerable amount by phone some of which without doubt is true and important.

One other thing: Have you not by now taken enough good pictures of the black struggle for a picture book, a constructive one with something to be said. Coming from a white southerner it could have added significance.

Thanks for everything,